GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

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LEASING OF IRON MINING
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any objection has been made by iron ore rich States in the matter of giving mining leases to companies having their operations in other States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Government is considering to come out with a policy to tackle this issue; and

(d) If so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMMI REDDY)

(a) to (d): Mineral rich states have sought to give preference in grant of mineral concession in the interest of developing the backward regions of their states to such applicants who are willing to set up value addition industry based on minerals within their state. This issue is under consideration of the Government.